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**VIA FACSIMILE AND
CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Thomas J. Krueger
Associate Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Regional Counsel
77 W. Jackson Blvd. (C-14J)
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

**Re: Ellsworth Industrial Park Site
Wisconsin Avenue
Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois
10-Day Response of Arrow Gear Company to Special Notice Letter**

Dear Mr. Krueger:

Arrow Gear Company ("Arrow Gear") is in receipt of the October 11, 2002 Special Notice Letter from Wendy L. Carney, of U.S.EPA, pertaining the above-referenced site. This letter constitutes the response of Arrow Gear to U.S.EPA's request for notification, as set forth on pages 4 and 5 of the Special Notice Letter.


Please be advised that Arrow Gear is willing to participate in negotiations to perform or finance the activities described in the Special Notice Letter. However, by so stating, Arrow Gear makes no admission whatsoever as to any legal or factual issue, including, for example, the issue of whether Arrow Gear has been validly identified as a potentially responsible party. As you are aware, Arrow Gear has been participating in negotiations with U.S.EPA, IEPA, and the Illinois Attorney General's Office in an effort to resolve this matter as expeditiously as possible.

Kindly direct all further communications to me. (All of my contact information is

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displayed above.) I also request that copies of all such communications be sent to Messrs. James E. Pielsticker and Michael J. Cervinka at Arrow Gear Company, 2301 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,



Carey S. Rosemarin

cc: James E. Pielsticker
Michael J. Cervinka